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# CHRONICLE OF INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

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**Abbreviations:** *Ann. sc. pol.*, Annales des sciences politiques, Paris; *Arch. dipl.*, Archives diplomatiques, Paris; *B.*, boletín, bulletin, bollettino; *B. A. R.*, Monthly bulletin of the International Bureau of American Republics, Washington; *Doc. dipl.*, France: Documents diplomatiques; *Dr.*, droit, diritto, derecho; *For. rel.*, Foreign Relations of the United States; *Ga.*, gazette, gaceta, gazzetta; *Cd.*, Great Britain: Parliamentary Papers; *Int.*, international, internacional, internazionale; *J.*, journal; *J. O.*, Journal Officiel, Paris; *Mém. dipl.*, Mémorial diplomatique, Paris; *Monit.*, Moniteur belge, Brussels; *N. R. G.*, Nouveau recueil général de traités, Leipzig; *Q. dipl.*, Questions diplomatiques et coloniales; *R.*, review, revista, revue, rivista; *Reichs-G.*, Reichs-Gesetzblatt, Berlin; *Staatsb.*, Staatsblad, Gröningen; *State Papers*, British and Foreign State Papers, London; *Stat. at L.*, United States Statutes at Large; *Times*, the Times (London); *Treaty ser.*, Great Britain: Treaty Series.

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15 GERMANY—GREAT BRITAIN. Exchange of notes of February 22 and March 15 confirming protocols defining boundaries between British and German territories in Africa: (1) Gorege to Lake Chad (February 12, 1907); (2) Uba to Maio Tiel (March 11, 1907). *Treaty ser.*, 1909, No. 17.

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3 FRANCE—GREAT BRITAIN. Convention signed at Paris concerning compensation for accidents of work. *Mém. dipl.*, August 29; *London Ga.*, November 30.

3 SALVADOR—UNITED STATES. Exchange of ratifications at Washington of arbitration treaty signed at Washington December 21, 1908. Ratification advised by Senate January 6, 1909; ratified by the President March 1; by Salvador June 14; proclaimed July 7. *U. S. Treaty ser.*, No. 529; *B. A. R.*, September.

12 JAPAN—KOREA. New convention to ameliorate the judicial and penal administration in Korea. Signed by the Japanese Resident-General in Korea and the Prime Minister of Korea. *Mém. dipl.*, August 22.

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20 BELGIUM—NICARAGUA. Exchange at Guatemala of ratifications of arbitration treaty signed at Guatemala March 6, 1906. Text in *Mém. dipl.,* September 12; *B. Usuel,* September 2.

20 COSTA RICA—UNITED STATES. Exchange at Washington of ratifications of arbitration convention signed January 13, 1909. Proclaimed July 21. *La Gaceta,* August 4; *B. A. R.,* September; *U. S. Treaty ser.,* No. 530.

26 MEXICO. Accession to the arrangement of Madrid of April 14, 1891, concerning international registration of trade-marks becomes effective. *Monit.,* July 11; *B. A. R.,* October.

27 MEXICO—NICARAGUA. Exchange of ratifications, at Mexico City, of the parcels post convention approved by Mexican Senate October 23, 1907; ratified by President Diaz April 23, 1909; ratified by the Congress of Nicaragua February 6, 1908, and approved by President Zelaya July 27, 1909. It will continue in force till twelve months after either party notifies its intention to terminate it. *B. A. R.,* October.

28 GREAT BRITAIN. Conference on the Naval and Military Defence of the Empire, held at London July 28 to August 19. Representatives from the self-governing dominions: Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Cape Colony, Newfoundland, Natal, Transvaal, and Orange River Colony, met the Prime Minister and other officials. The conference was of a purely consultative character and was held in private at the Foreign Office. *Cd.,* 4948; *Times,* dates of meeting.

30 PARAGUAY—UNITED STATES. Paraguay approved the arbitration convention signed at Asuncion, March 13. *B. A. R.,* November.

30 BRAZIL—HONDURAS. Honduras approved treaty of arbitration negotiated in April, 1909. Terms published in *La Gaceta,* August 19, 1909. *B. A. R.,* November.

31 GERMANY—NETHERLANDS. Agreement signed at Berlin, supplementary to the convention concluded at The Hague on July 17, 1905, concerning civil procedure. In effect September 1, and continues till six months after denunciation. *Staatsb.,* 1909, No. 296.

31 SPAIN—FRANCE. Royal decree approving telegraph convention signed at Paris, June 29, *q. v.* *Gaceta de Madrid,* August 1.

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1 AUSTRIA—MEXICO. Special arrangement in force for exchange of money orders, including Austrian offices in the Levant. *L'Union Postale,* 34:203.

1 FOURTH LATIN-AMERICAN MEDICAL CONGRESS opened at Rio de Janeiro. At the same time the International Exposition of Hygiene was opened at the same place. Next meeting will be at Lima. *B. A. R.,* October; *Diario Oficial,* Mexico, October 18.

3 LUXEMBURG. Ratification of the International Convention relative to Civil Procedure, concluded at The Hague July 17, 1905. *Monit.,* August 25; *B. Usuel,* August 3.

3 TWENTIETH EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS opens at Cologne. *Mém. dipl.,* August 8.

6 BRAZIL. Decree declaring that the provisions of the Brazilian law of September 24, 1904, requiring the publication in the *Diario Oficial* of the certificate of registration and description of national and foreign trade-marks are inapplicable to trade-marks deposited at the International Bureau at Berne, under the Madrid convention of 1891. *B. A. R.,* November, 1909.

7 GREAT BRITAIN—UNITED STATES. Denunciation of the agreement of November 19, 1907, respecting (1) Commercial Travellers' Samples entering the United Kingdom; (2) Import Duties on British Works of Art entering the United States. Effective February 7, 1910. *See May 1, 1909. Treaty ser.,* 1909, No. 23.

10 BRAZIL—ECUADOR. Decree by President of Brazil approving the treaty signed at Rio de Janeiro May 10, 1907, on Commerce and River Navigation between these countries. *Diario Oficial* (Brazil), September 17, 1909.

11 COSTA RICA—MEXICO. The President of Costa Rica approved the postal convention signed June 29, 1909. Text in *La Gaceta,* San José, August 19, 1909.

12 FRANCE—SPAIN. Ratifications exchanged at Paris of declaration made at Bayonne, April 6, 1908, relative to fisheries in the Bidassoa. Decree August 19 putting it in force. *J. O.,* August 20; *Gaceta de Madrid,* August 21. This is a modification of the convention of February 18, 1886, and the additional protocol of January 19, 1888.

17 CHINA. Hankau–Szechuan Railway loan definitely settled at Peking. Loan to be increased to $30,000,000 and British, French,

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German, and American groups each to take one-quarter. *Times,* August 18.

17 UNITED STATES—VENEZUELA. Decree of President Gomez approving protocol for settlement of certain claims, including that of A. F. Jaurett, signed at Caracas February 13, 1909. *Gaceta Oficial,* Caracas, September 8, 1909.

15–19 SECOND INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE ON LEPROSY held at Bergen. The report of the British delegates is embodied in *Cd.,* 4916; *Times,* October 29; *Mém. dipl.,* August 22. The first conference was held at Berlin, October 11–16, 1897.

20 FRANCE—MEXICO. In pursuance of a compromise signed at Mexico, March 2, 1909, these governments request the King of Italy to decide a question arising as to the sovereignty over Clipperton Island. *Mém. dipl.,* August 22.

21 UNITED STATES—VENEZUELA. Protocol of settlement of the claim of the United States and Venezuela Company ("Crichfield case") signed at Caracas. *U. S. Treaty ser.,* 531½.

10–23 SERVIA. Adherence to the additional act of Brussels of December 14, 1900, modifying the international convention signed at Paris March 20, 1883, for the protection of industrial property. *J. O.,* September 21.

23 FIFTH INTERNATIONAL DENTAL CONGRESS opened at Berlin. The former congresses met (1) at Paris in 1889; (2) at Chicago in 1893; (3) at Paris in 1900; (4) at St. Louis in 1904. *Times,* August 24.

27 PERU. Decree fixing January 1, 1910, as the date for the reception in Peruvian consulates abroad of applications for the registry of trade-marks, to meet the needs of companies who desire protection but have no representatives at Lima. *B. A. R.,* November.

27–28 FOURTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE MEDICAL PRESS met at Vienna. *Mém. dipl.,* September 5. The earlier congresses met (1) at Paris, 1900; (2) at Madrid, 1903; (3) at Lisbon, 1906. A special international conference growing out of the first congress met at Monaco in 1902. *Annuaire de la Vie Int.,* 1908–1909.

29 SIXTEENTH INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CONGRESS opened at Budapest. Closed September 4. Next congress meets at London, 1913. *Times,* September 1; *Mém. dipl.,* September 5. Former con-

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gresses as follows: (1) Paris, 1867; (2) Florence, 1869; (3) Vienna, 1873; (4) Brussels, 1875; (5) Geneva, 1877; (6) Amsterdam, 1879; (7) London, 1881; (8) Copenhagen, 1884; (9) Washington, 1887; (10) Berlin, 1890; (11) Rome, 1894; (12) Moscow, 1897; (13) Paris, 1900; (14) Madrid, 1903; (15) Lisbon, 1906. *Annuaire de la Vie Int.,* 1908–1909.

30 SIXTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF TRADE UNIONS opened. *Times,* August 31.

30 BELGIUM—HONDURAS. Ratification by Belgium of the convention of January 1, 1909, relative to exchange of packages by post. *B. Usuel,* August 30.

31 GERMANY—VENEZUELA. Treaty of Amity, Commerce, and Navigation signed at Caracas January 26, 1909, was promulgated by President of Venezuela. (*See* January 25.) Treaty to last ten years and thereafter unless previous notification is given by one of the contracting parties. *B. A. R.,* November, 1909.

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1 PERSIA. A proclamation was issued granting a general amnesty, with certain exceptions. *Times,* September 2.

3 BRAZIL—SALVADOR. Treaty of arbitration signed. Terms identical with those of treaties already signed by Brazil and Honduras, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica. *B. A. R.,* November, 1909.

4 CHINA—JAPAN. Convention dealing with Chientao and five other questions regarding Manchuria signed at Peking. *Q. dipl.,* 13:376; *Times,* September 6 and 9 (full text); *Mém. dipl.*

4 BRAZIL—PERU. Decree by President of Brazil approving the accord regarding the navigation of the Japura or Caqueta river, concluded at Lima April 15, 1908. *Diario Oficial* (Brazil), September 17.

5–11 FIFTH INTERNATIONAL ESPERANTO CONGRESS held its sessions at Barcelona. The first congress met at Boulogne, 1905; the second at Geneva, 1906; the third at Cambridge, England, 1907; the fourth at Dresden, 1908. The sixth will meet at Washington the third week in August, 1910. *N. A. Rev.,* 190:693.

6 MEXICO. Adherence to the arrangement and protocol signed at Madrid, April 14, 1891, for the protection of industrial property.

8 THE BALTIC AND WHITE SEA CONFERENCE met at The Hague. *Times,* September 10. Next year's meeting will be at Christiania.

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8 GREAT BRITAIN—UNITED STATES. Agreement effected by exchange of notes signed at London, July 22–September 8, renewing the *modus vivendi* of 1908 regarding the Newfoundland fisheries, and continuing it pending settlement of the Atlantic fisheries questions by the Hague tribunal. *U. S. Treaty ser.,* No. 533.

8 BRAZIL—PERU. Treaty concluded at Rio de Janeiro between these powers settles the question of their frontiers in the Amazon region. Each retains its present possessions from headwaters of the Javary to parallel 11° south. *Times,* September 10.

9 UNITED STATES—VENEZUELA. Protocol of arrangement for settlement of the cases of the Orinoco Corporation (and its predecessors in interest, the Manoa Company Limited, the Orinoco Company, and the Orinoco Company Limited) signed at Caracas. Text of protocol and of notes exchanged in *Gaceta Oficial* (Caracas), September 16. *U. S. Treaty ser.,* No. 533½

11 EGYPT—RUSSIA. Emperor of Russia ratifies the treaty of commerce and maritime navigation. *Mém. dipl.,* September 19.

11 INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW opened at San Sebastian, Spain. Entries include delegations from the armies of Argentine, Belgium, England, France, Italy, Portugal, and Spain. *Times,* September 13.

13 GREAT BRITAIN—PORTUGAL. Additional articles to the agreement of January 17, 1883, for the exchange of money orders, signed at Lisbon. Text in *Treaty ser.,* 1909, No. 26.

13 THE MACEDONIAN FINANCIAL COMMISSION held its last sitting at Salonika. For account of its origin and of the work done, see *Times,* October 1, 1909.

13–15 SECOND YOUNG EGYPT CONGRESS opened at Geneva, on the 27th anniversary of occupation of Egypt by Great Britain. *Times,* September 14; *Mém. dipl.,* September 19, October 7 and 14.

14 SEVENTH CONGRESS OF CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE OF THE EMPIRE opened at Sydney, New South Wales. The fourth congress met at London, 1900; the fifth at Montreal, 1903; the sixth at London, 1906. The principal action was a resolution in favor of a preferential system of trade within the Empire. Congress closed September 17. *Times,* September 14, 20, 27.

18 INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF AËRONAUTICS opened at Nancy, seven day session. *Mém. dipl.,* September 12.

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18 NICARAGUA—UNITED STATES. Protocol of settlement of the George D. Emery Company's claim, signed at Washington. The protocol of agreement for the arbitration of the case and a supplementary protocol were signed at Washington May 25.

20–23 DENMARK—MEXICO. Decree of President Diaz approving convention signed May 26, 1909, at Mexico providing for exchange of parcels post between Mexico and the Danish West Indies. Text in *Diario Oficial* (Mexico), September 28.

20 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE PRESS opened in London. The first congress was held at Anvers in 1894. The 1908 meeting was at Berlin. *Times,* September 22.

21 INTERNATIONAL GEODETIC ASSOCIATION opened its 18th triennial conference at London and Cambridge. It was established in 1862 at Berlin. *Times,* September 22.

22 TURKEY. The Porte addresses a memorandum to the Powers requesting their consent to the raising of the import duties from 11% to 15%. *Times,* September 23.

22–26 INTERNATIONAL MARITIME COMMITTEE met at Bremen. *Mém. dipl.,* September 26; *Times,* September 28. For the relation of this conference to the Brussels Conference of September 28 (*q. v.*), *see Times,* October 29.

28 THIRD INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW CONFERENCE opened at Brussels. Closed October 8. *Vide, supra,* September 22–26. *Times,* October 29.

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1 MEXICO—UNITED STATES. Postal Money-Order Convention concluded at Washington, February 2, 1909, became effective. It was approved by the Mexican Congress on May 3 and ratified by President Diaz on June 26. It will continue in force until one year after either country shall have notified the other of its intention to terminate it. *B. A. R.,* October; *L'Union Postal,* 34:204.

2 PARAGUAY—UNITED STATES. Ratifications exchanged at Asuncion of arbitration convention signed at Asuncion March 13. Ratifications advised by Senate July 30; ratified by the President August 10; by Paraguay September 28; proclaimed November 11. *U. S. Treaty ser.,* No. 534.

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3 FRANCE—PORTUGAL. Telegraph Convention signed at Lisbon, July 11, 1908, ratified and confirmed by the King of Portugal. Applies to French and Portuguese Congo. *Diario do Governo.* November 10.

4 GREAT BRITAIN—UNITED STATES. North Atlantic fisheries dispute. The Cases were exchanged this date. Counter-cases to be exchanged four months later. The entire matter to go to The Hague Court two months thereafter. *See January 27, 1909. Times,* October 6.

4 UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION. Monument unveiled at Berne commemorating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the foundation of the Union. *L'Union postale,* 34:161.

5 DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE RELATIVE TO THE INTERNATIONAL CIRCULATION OF AUTOMOBILES held at Paris October 5 to 11. *See October 11.*

8 INTERNATIONAL. President of Brazil approves the convention concluded at Rio de Janeiro, August 23, 1906, between Brazil, Ecuador, Paraguay, Bolivia, Colombia, Honduras, Panama, Cuba, Peru, Salvador, Costa Rica, Mexico, Guatemala, Uruguay, Argentine, United States of America, and Chile, fixing the status of naturalized citizens who renew their residence in the country of their origin. *Diario Oficial* (Brazil), October 14, 1909.

8 INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONGRESS opened at Brussels. *Mém. dipl.,* October 10 and 17. It was to have met in September at Stockholm but was postponed on account of the general strike in Sweden. The next congress will meet at Stockholm.

8 GERMANY—GREAT BRITAIN. Exchange of notes, August 31 and October 8, providing for the mutual protection of British and German trade-marks in Corea. *Treaty ser.,* 1909, No. 25.

8 BRAZIL—UNITED STATES. Decree of President of Brazil approving the convention signed April 27, 1908, at Rio de Janeiro, regulating the status of naturalized citizens who renew their residence in the country of their origin. *Diario Oficial* (Brazil), October 14, 1909.

10 INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STEEPLE CHASE AT BRUSSELS opened. *J. O.,* September 26.

10 SERVIA. Accession to the Industrial Property Convention of March 20, 1883, as modified by the additional act of December 14, 1900, takes effect. *Treaty ser.,* 1909, No. 24; *Mém. dipl.,* September 26.

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11 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION RELATIVE TO THE CIRCULATION OF AUTOMOBILES signed at Paris by representatives from Germany, Belgium, Spain, France, Italy, Monaco, Roumania, and Servia. *See October 5. American Chamber of Commerce in Paris, B. No. 78.*

11 CHINA—JAPAN. Pratas Island dispute settled by agreement signed by Japanese Consul at Canton and the Chinese Commissioners. China's sovereignty over the island recognized. *Times,* October 12.

12 CANADA—MEXICO. Parcel post convention signed in Mexico City, May 4, 1909, became effective. Full text in *Diario Oficial* of Mexico, July 12. It will continue in force till six months after either party gives notification of intention to terminate it. *B. A. R.,* October.

14 CHINA. Meeting of the new provincial assemblies. In September, 1905, an Imperial commission was appointed to study "political conditions and governmental policies in other countries." August 27, 1906, an Imperial committee was appointed to examine and report on the material presented by the commission. On September 1, 1906, an Imperial decree proclaimed various reforms and promised that "in a few years' time constitutional government would be inaugurated." Another edict, February 18, 1907, stated that "a constitution and a parliament will be granted to the country." On September 20, 1907, the Empress ordered the establishment of an Assembly of Ministers to prepare the foundations of constitutional government. On October 19, 1907, it was declared that besides the Imperial Assembly of Ministers at Peking, provincial assemblies were to be formed in provincial capitals. Regulations therefor were published in the *Official Gazette,* July 22, 1908, as also for prefectural and district assemblies. August 27, the memorial and edict on constitutional government were issued setting forth the general principles of the constitutional system and the steps to be taken leading up to the summoning of a parliament in 1917. *Times,* October 15.

17 FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS FOR THE CONSERVATION OF LANDSCAPES opened at Paris. *Mém. dipl.,* October 24.

20 BRAZIL—COSTA RICA. Arbitration convention, signed at Washington, May 18, approved by Congress of Costa Rica, October 11, was signed by the President of Costa Rica. *Official Gazette* San José, October 24; *B. A. R.,* December.

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17–24 SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS FOR THE REPRESSION OF ADULTERATION OF ALIMENTARY AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS, at Paris. The Universal Society of the White Cross, organized at Geneva, August 22, 1907, arranged for four meeting of this congress. The first was held at Geneva, September 8–12, 1908, and the third and fourth will be held in 1910 and 1911, respectively. *Mém. dipl.,* October 24, and November 28.

21 COSTA RICA—MEXICO. Decree by President Diaz approving the convention signed June 21, at Mexico, and August 11, at San José, to establish a parcels post between the two countries. Text in *Diaro Oficial* (Mexico), October 27.

23 NORWAY—SWEDEN. Award handed down by the Hague Court of Arbitration in the maritime boundary case. Sweden gets the Grisbadarna Islands, important as fishing centers, while Norway receives Skjoette Grund. *Times,* October 25. *See Judicial Decisions,* page 226, this Journal.

25 BOLIVIA—PERU. Boundary difficulty. On September 15 an agreement was reached based on the decision of President Alcorta of Argentine Republic. The protocols were ratified by Peru on October 24 and by Bolivia on October 25. *Mém. dipl.,* October 31; *Am. R. of R.,* 40:411; *Geographical J.,* 34:573; *R. Generale du Dr. Int. Public,* 16:368; *Renault: Le differend entre la Bolivia et la Perou et l'arbitrage international.*

26 PORTUGAL. Law forbidding fishing by foreign vessels within the three-mile limit off the coasts of Portugal, the Azores, and Madeira, and setting the fine for violation of the law at from $10.00 to $50.00. *Diario do Governo.*

30 BRAZIL—URUGUAY. Treaty rectifying boundary on the Jaguarao River and Lake Merim. Not signed till November 6. Text in *Diario Oficial,* (Brazil) November 10.

31 FRANCE—UNITED STATES. Commercial convention terminated. Decree by President of France, August 20 (*J. O.,* August 27), abrogating from November 1 the provisions of the decrees of July 7, 1893, May 8, 1898, and February 21, 1903, so far as they apply to products of the United States and Porto Rico. *Tariff Series,* No. 6 D, *Department of Commerce and Labor; Q. dipl.,* 13:368; *Mém. dipl.,* August 29.

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